



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006 ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Steelquist, Charles Carole, John Bigay, Gary Fujitani, Philip Hauret, Richard Kawano, Sam Mitchell, Martin Schiller, Craig Thistleton and Joseph Zuiker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Heulitt, Norma Koenig, Susan Lai Young, Allan Lee, Chuck Lee and Brian Woo.

GUESTS: Pat Loewe, Glenn Mason, Steven Yamashiro, Doug Young, Pat Loo, Clifford Young, Laura Young, Dorothy Faison, Pialana Lemelle, Teri Fukuhara, Laura Freidman, Deb Nehmad, Councilmember Rod Tam, Tracy Miyahara, Bob Laguekis, Anthony Chan, Robert Lagnens, Jefferson Finney, Keith Kurahashi, Georgianna Lagoria, Marcy Katz, Tom Heinrich, Anthony Short, Gertrude Kamikawa, Gary Shimabukuro, Gordon Wong, Amy Kimura, Michululeo Hayadister, Georgie Rusk, Ray Sasaki, Bernice Hayarhide, Ruth Judd, Margaret Murchie, Phillis Hardy, Dan Clark, Michael La Riccie, Henry Lopes, Netta Lai, Jerome Uluave, Fray Heata, Glenn Mason, Leonora, Springer, Shayre Enright, Lynn Johnson, Blake Johnson, James Jensen, Bob Farrell, Ivonne Cardenas, Jim Growney, Richard Reese, Karen Kosasas, Tony Sussex, Paula Sussex, Fray Heath, and Joe Coriaty.

CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM RENOVATION: (The discussion was recorded by Martin Schiller.)

The Contemporary Museum (TCM) has been open since it acquired the Cooke-Spalding estate in 1988. Since that time, TCM has been presenting exhibitions of contemporary art and related education programs to the community.

TCM is the only museum in the State of Hawaii to focus solely on the art of our time.

TCM's art collections have grown over the years. Storage is primarily off-site and TCM wants to have their collections on-site in order to make them available to the public.

Art education in the schools has been reduced and TCM museum art education programs have grown to meet this need. However, these programs are taking place out of doors. TCM feels children need a dedicated covered space – out of the elements, away from foot traffic – where they can do art projects after touring the grounds and exhibitions.

In response to these needs and to better serve the community, TCM is proposing to add new construction of a permanent collection galleries and storage, and also to adapt a contiguous historic property so that TCM may accommodate more fully their community programs.

The following project team discussed their role in the project: Keith Kurahashi, Permit Consultant, spoke about the permit process, usage issues and community concerns. Joe Coriaty, Frederick Fisher & Partners, spoke about new building plans, and how their plans were developed. Glenn Mason, Mason Architects, spoke about adaptive reuse and restoration of historic properties. Fray Heath, Project Manager, Nordic Construction, spoke on the site construction.

TCM stressed that changes were made since their initial plan in 2004 as a result of community concerns – structural and operating hours. TCM stated that traffic would not be substantially increased as a result of TCM's proposed changes.

TCM distributed an informational paper on: WHO IS THE CONTEMPORARY MUSEUM?

When the meeting was open to the board and floor for comments, concerns were raised along various lines:

1. Is TCM a commercial venture or just a museum?
2. Has TCM adhered to their present Conditional Use Permit?
3. The number of guest to be served in the new restaurant in the Peterson House?
4. Increases in traffic and patron activity around TCM and the adverse effects it may have on the neighborhood.

Board member Joseph Zuiker moved and Board member _____ seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 support the renovation. The motion did not pass, 5-2-3. Board members Philip Hauret, Craig Thistleton, Martin Schiller, Joseph Zuiker and Gary Fujitani voted "Aye." Board members Richard Kawano and Charles Carole voted "Nay." Board members Sam Mitchell, John Bigay and John Steelquist abstained.

It was then mentioned that a motion could still be brought up again before the board at the Thursday, May 18, 2006 meeting.

It was also mentioned that a public hearing on TCM's plans would be held on Friday, May 19, 2006.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS- There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, Chair Steelquist adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Recorded by Martin Schiller